(b) the amounts spent on irrigation works in 1119 (i) in the whole State; and (ii) in the taluks of Muvattupuzha and Devicolam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) (i) Rs. 4,64,863 for 1119 M. E. and Rs. 5,93,050 for 1120 M. E.

(ii) Rs. 2,743 for 1119 M. E. and Rs. 1,743 for 1120 M. E. in the taluk of Muvattupuzha and Rs. 3,073 for 1119 M. E. and Rs. 3,383 for 1120 M. E. in the taluk of Devicolam.

(b) (i) Rs. 3,45,991.

(ii) Rs. 1,152 in the taluk of Muvattupuzha and Rs. 1,875 in the taluk of Devicolam.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the balance amount of 1119 has been carried forward to 1120?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, it has been carried forward to 1120.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Considering the urgency of this Irrigation question, has the Government contemplated revising the whole scheme and putting into operation a new scheme?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Government have, under contemplation a number of irrigation schemes which are in various stages.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected any of the irrigation canals and irrigation works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Quite a lot of them.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Is the Chief Engineer convinced of the necessity of giving immediate relief to the agriculturists.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As quickly as possible.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the object with which an irrigation board has been organised?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: In order to expedite the progress.

Irrigation sluice in Kothachira.

126. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders were invited for the construction of an irrigation sluice in Kothachira in Thazhekara pakuthy in Mavelikara taluk;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether any tender has been accepted; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, whether any work was executed as per estimate and plan, if not why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) Yes. Twice.

(b) Yes.

(c) None; the selected contractor failed to start the work.

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